

ROL

To ROLL. *v. a.* [rouler, Fr. *rollen*, Dutch; from *rotula*, of *roto*, Lat.]

1. To move any thing by volutation, or successive application of the different parts of the surface, to the ground.
Who shall *roll* us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? *Mark xvii. 3.*

2. To move any thing round upon its axis.
Heav'n shone and *roll'd* her motions. *Milton.*

3. To move in a circle.
To dress, and troll the tongue, and *roll* the eye. *Milton.*

4. To produce a periodical revolution.

5. To wrap round upon itself.

6. To enwrap; to involve in bandage.
By this *rolling*, parts are kept from joining together. *Wise.*

7. To form by rolling into round masses.
Grind red-lead, or any other colour with strong wort, and *roll* them up into long rolls like pencils. *Peasam.*

8. To pour in a stream or waves.
The pin ought to be as thick as a *rolling* pin. *Wise.*

9. To pour in a stream or waves.
A small Euphrates through the piece is *roll'd*,
And little eagles wave their wings in gold. *Pope.*

To ROLL. *v. n.*

1. To be moved by the successive application of all parts of the surface to the ground.

Our nation is too great to be ruined by any but itself; and if the number and weight of it *roll* one way upon the greatest changes that can happen, yet England will be safe. *Temple.*

Reports, like snow-balls, gather still the farther they *roll*.
Government of the Tongue.

Fire must rend the sky,
And wheel on th' earth, devouring where it *rolls*. *Milton.*

A tortoise, by pushing against the ground only with its neck and head, *rolls* itself as in a cradle, to find out the side towards which the inequality of the ground might more easily permit it to *roll* its shell. *Ray on the Creation.*

2. To run on wheels.

He next essays to walk, but downward prefs'd,
On four feet imitates his brother beast;
By slow degrees he gathers from the ground
His legs, and to the *rolling* chair is bound. *Dryden.*

3. To perform a periodical revolution.

Thus the year *rolls* within itself again. *Dryden.*

When thirty *rolling* years have run their race. *Dryden.*

4. To move with appearance of circular direction.

Thou, light,
Reviv'st not these eyes, which *roll* in vain,
To find the piercing ray, and find no dawn:
A boar is chaf'd, his nostrils flames expire,
And his red eye-balls *roll* with living fire. *Dryden.*

5. To float in rough water.

Twice ten tempestuous nights I *roll'd*, resign'd
To roaring billows and the warring wind. *Pope.*

6. To move as waves or volumes of water.

Wave *rolling* after wave in torrent rapture. *Milton.*

Till the huge surge *roll'd* off, then backward sweep
The reflux tides, and plunge into the deep. *Pope.*

Tempt icy seas, where scarce the waters *roll*. *Pope.*

Storms beat, and *rolls* the main;
Oh beat those storms, and *roll* the seas in vain. *Pope.*

7. To fluctuate; to move tumultuously.

Here tell me, if thou dar'st, my conscious soul,
What different sorrows did within thee *roll*. *Prior.*

The thoughts, which *roll* within my ravish'd breast,
To me, no fear, th' inspiring gods suggest. *Pope.*

In her sad breast the prince's fortunes *roll*,
And hope and doubt alternate seize her soul. *Pope.*

8. To revolve on its axis.

He fashion'd those harmonious orbs, that *roll*
In restless gyres about the Arctick pole. *Sandys's Paraph.*

9. To be moved tumultuously.

Down they fell
By thousands, angel on archangel *roll'd*. *Milton.*

ROLL. *n. f.* [from the verb.]

1. The act of rolling; the state of being rolled.

2. The thing rolling.

Lifting senates hang upon thy tongue,
Devolving through the maze of eloquence
A *roll* of periods, sweeter than her song, *Thomson.*

3. [Rouleau, Fr.] A measure of fat about his shoulders clung,
And from his neck the double dewlap hung. *Addison.*

To keep ants from trees, encompass the stem four fingers
breadth with a circle or *roll* of wool newly plucked. *Mort.*

4. Writing rolled upon itself.

His chamber all was hang'd about with *rolls*
And old records, from ancient times deriv'd. *Fa. Queen.*

5. A round body rolled along.

Where land is clotty, and a shower of rain comes that
soaks through, use a *roll* to break the clots. *Mortimer.*

6. [Rotulus, Lat.] Publick writing.

Cromwell is made matter
O' th' *rolls* and the king's secretary. *Shakesp. Henry VIII.*

Darius made a decree, and search was made in the house
of the *rolls*, where the treasures were laid up. *Esra vi. 1.*

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The *rolls* of parliament, the entry of the petitions, answers, and transactions in parliament are extant. *Hale.*

7. A register; a catalogue.

Beasts only cannot discern beauty; and let them be in the
roll of beasts, that do not honour it. *Sidney.*

The *roll* and list of that army doth remain. *Davies.*

Of that short *roll* of friends writ in my heart,
There's none, that sometimes greet us not. *Dome.*

These signs have mark'd me extraordinary,
And all the courses of my life do shew,
I am not in the *roll* of common men. *Shakesp. Henry IV.*

'Tis a mathematical demonstration, that these twenty-four
letters admit of so many changes in their order, and make such
a long *roll* of differently ranged alphabets, not two of which are
alike; that they could not all be exhausted, though a million
millions of writers should each write above a thousand alpha-
bets a-day, for the space of a million millions of years. *Bentl.*

8. Chronicle.

Please thy pride, and search the herald's *roll*,
Where thou shalt find thy famous pedigree. *Dryden.*

The lasting *roll*, recording what we said. *Prior.*

The eye of time beholds no name
So blest as thine, in all the *rolls* of fame. *Pope.*

9. Warrant. Not in use.

We have, with special *roll*,
Elected him our absence to supply. *Shakesp. Meas. for Meas.*

10. [Rôle, Fr.] Part; office. Not in use.

In human society, every man has his *roll* and station as-
signed him. *L'Estrange.*

ROLLER. *n. f.* [rouleau, Fr. from *roll*.]

1. Any thing turning on its own axis, as a heavy stone to level
walks.

When a man tumbles a *roller* down a hill, the man is the
violent enforcer of the first motion; but when it is once
tumbling, the property of the thing itself continues it. *Hamm.*

The long slender worms, that breed between the skin and
flesh in the ile of Ormuz and in India, are generally twisted
out upon sticks or *rollers*. *Ray on the Creation.*

They make the firing of the pole horizontal towards the
lathe, conveying and guiding the firing from the pole to the
work, by throwing it over a *roller*. *Moxon's Mech. Exr.*

Lady Charlotte, like a stroller,
Sits mounted on the garden *roller*. *Swift's Miscellanies.*

2. Bandage; fillet.

Fasten not your *roller* by tying a knot, lest you hurt your
patient. *Wise.*

Bandage being chiefly to maintain the due situation of a
dressing, surgeons always turn a *roller* with that view. *Sharp.*

ROLLINGPIN. *n. f.* [rolling and pin.] A round piece of wood
tapering at each end, with which paste is moulded.

The pin should be as thick as a *rollingpin*. *Wise.*

ROLLYPOOLY. *n. f.* A sort of game, in which, when a ball
rolls into a certain place, it wins. A corruption of *roll* ball
into the pool.

Let us begin some diversion; what d'ye think of *rollypolly*
or a country dance? *Arbutnot's History of John Bull.*

ROMAGE. *n. f.* [ramage, Fr.] A tumult; a bustle; an active
and tumultuous search for any thing.

This is the main motive

Of this post haste, and *romage* in the land. *Shakesp.*

ROMANCE. *n. f.* [romans, Fr. *romanza*, Italian.]

1. A military fable of the middle ages; a tale of wild adven-
tures in war and love.

What romances

In fable or *romance* of Uther's son. *Milton.*

A brave *romance* who would exactly frame,
First brings his knight from some immortal dame. *Waller.*

Some *romances* entertain the genius; and strengthen it by
the noble ideas which they give of things; but they corrupt
the truth of history. *Dryden's Duffess.*

2. A lie; a fiction. In common speech.

To ROMANCE. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To lie; to forge.

This is strange *romancing*. *Pamph.*

ROMANCER. *n. f.* [from *romance*.] A liar; a forger of tales.

The allusion of the daw extends to all impostors, vain
pretenders, and *romancers*. *L'Estrange.*

Shall we, cries one, permit
This leud *romancer*, and his bantering wit. *Tate's Juv.*

To ROMANIZE. *v. a.* [from *roman*, Fr.] To latinize; to fill
with modes of the Roman speech.

He did too much *romanize* our tongue, leaving the words,
he translated, almost as much Latin as he found them. *Dryd.*

ROMANTICK. *adj.* [from *romance*.]

1. Resembling the tales of romances; wild.

Philosophers have maintained opinions, more absurd than
any of the most fabulous poets or *romantick* writers. *Kell.*

Zeal for the good of one's country a party of men have re-
presented, as chimerical and *romantick*. *Addison.*

2. Improbable; false.

3. Fanciful; full of wild scenery.

The dun umbrage, o'er the falling stream,
Romantick hangs. *Thomson's Spring.*

ROMAN. *n. f.* [from *romans*.]

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ROMISH. *adj.* [from *Rome*.] Popish.

Bulls or letters of election only serve in the *Romish* coun-
tries. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*

ROMP. *n. f.*

1. A rude, awkward, boisterous, untaught girl.

She was in the due mean between one of your affected
courtier pieces of formality, and your *romps* that have no
regard to the common rules of civility. *Arbutnot.*

2. Rough rude play.